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**EPA: Baseball Fields Near West Lake Landfill are Safe – 5/1/14** - The fear of radioactive contamination has forced organizers to move a major little league tournament from a sports complex in Bridgeton. Meanwhile, the Environmental Protection Agency says there is no evidence of radiological contamination on the fields of the baseball complex. EPA region 7 administrator Karl Brooks writes that the data that scared the tournament off came from tests done by residents, not professionals. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/05/01/epa-baseball-fields-near-west-lake-landfill-are-safe/>

**CBS News - Va. oil train derailment is latest "wake-up call": expert - 5/1/14** - Several train cars carrying crude oil derailed and caught fire Wednesday along the James River in Virginia, with three black tankers ending up in the water and leaking some oil. <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/va-oil-train-derailment-is-latest-wakeup-call-expert/>

**New York Times - As New Shipping Rules Are Studied, Another Oil Train Derails - 4/30/14** - In the latest accident involving rail cars carrying crude oil, a CSX train derailed and erupted into black, smoky flames on Wednesday in downtown Lynchburg, Va., forcing scores of people to evacuate and causing a spill in the James River. <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/01/business/energy-environment/as-new-shipping-rules-are-studied-another-oil-train-derails.html>

**Center for Public Integrity - Energy Dept. confirms it's been on the wrong path since 2007 - 5/1/14** - A year-long Energy Department reexamination of how to get rid of 34 tons of surplus weapons plutonium affordably, as part of a disarmament deal with Russia, has concluded what many experts long suspected: The cheapest option is to bury it, according to the study's newly-released text. <http://www.publicintegrity.org/2014/05/01/14695/energy-dept-confirms-its-been-wrong-path-2007>

**Greenwire - Judge signals she'll side with enviros on EPA ozone deadline - 4/30/14** - A federal judge indicated yesterday that she intends to side with advocacy groups trying to force U.S. EPA to set new standards for ozone air pollution by October 2015. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059998740/>

**Greenwire - Almost half of Americans regularly breathe unhealthy air -- study - 4/30/14** - Almost half of all Americans, more than 147 million people, live in counties where the air quality, specifically the ozone or particle pollution, is unhealthy, according to the annual State of the Air report issued today by the American Lung Association. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059998732/>

**Greenwire - State regulators seek credit in new rule for efficiency programs - 4/30/14** - The state

regulators that will play a leading role in implementing U.S. EPA's greenhouse gas rules for existing power plants are reviewing guidelines for how the rule should handle state energy efficiency programs. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059998736/>

**E&E Daily - House Democrats meet with White House on RFS targets - 4/30/14** - A trio of House Democrats said they met with senior White House officials yesterday to express concerns over U.S. EPA's proposal for this year's renewable fuel targets. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1059998686/>

**Christian Science Monitor - Half of Americans living in areas with polluted air, report finds (+video) - 4/30/14** - More than 147 million live in counties where levels of ozone or particle pollutions exceed safe limits, reports the American Lung Association. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2014/0430/Half-of-Americans-living-in-areas-with-polluted-air-report-finds-video>

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